

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property Name: _____ Inventory Number: ~~2002~~ CH-921

Address: 2500 Block of Old Washington Road, west side, Charles County - in the vicinity of Waldorf

Owner: ~~Potter, Lawrence D and Mary H~~

Tax Parcel Number: 300 Tax Map Number: 8

Project MD 301 Agency State Highway Administration (SHA)

Site visit by SHA Staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name: _____ Date: _____

Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility not recommended ☒

Criteria ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☒ None

Is property located within a historic district?: ☒ no ☐ yes Name of District: _____

Is district listed?: ☒ no ☐ yes

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)

The building located at the 2500 Block of Old Washington Road is one-story in height. The building is composed of a wood frame section covered by a hipped roof with exposed rafter tails and a concrete block section covered by a side gable roof. The wood frame section is clad with wood shingles and is pierced by two window openings. The opening have been blocked. The concrete block section has three small windows openings. The opening have 2-light, fixed windows with the glazing missing.

Following the Civil War, southern Maryland adjusted to shifts in economic activity and population centers. The end of slavery meant an overall reduction in farm size and greater diversification of agricultural products. In this period, the introduction of rail lines to Charles County encouraged trade and new settlement, spurred by increased accessibility to markets and jobs in Baltimore and Washington, D.C.

The completion of the Robert Crain Highway in 1927 provided the most direct land link to Baltimore and points north for Northern Charles County. The highway enhanced the transport of produce from these areas with an impact

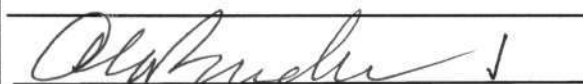
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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

10/20/93
Date

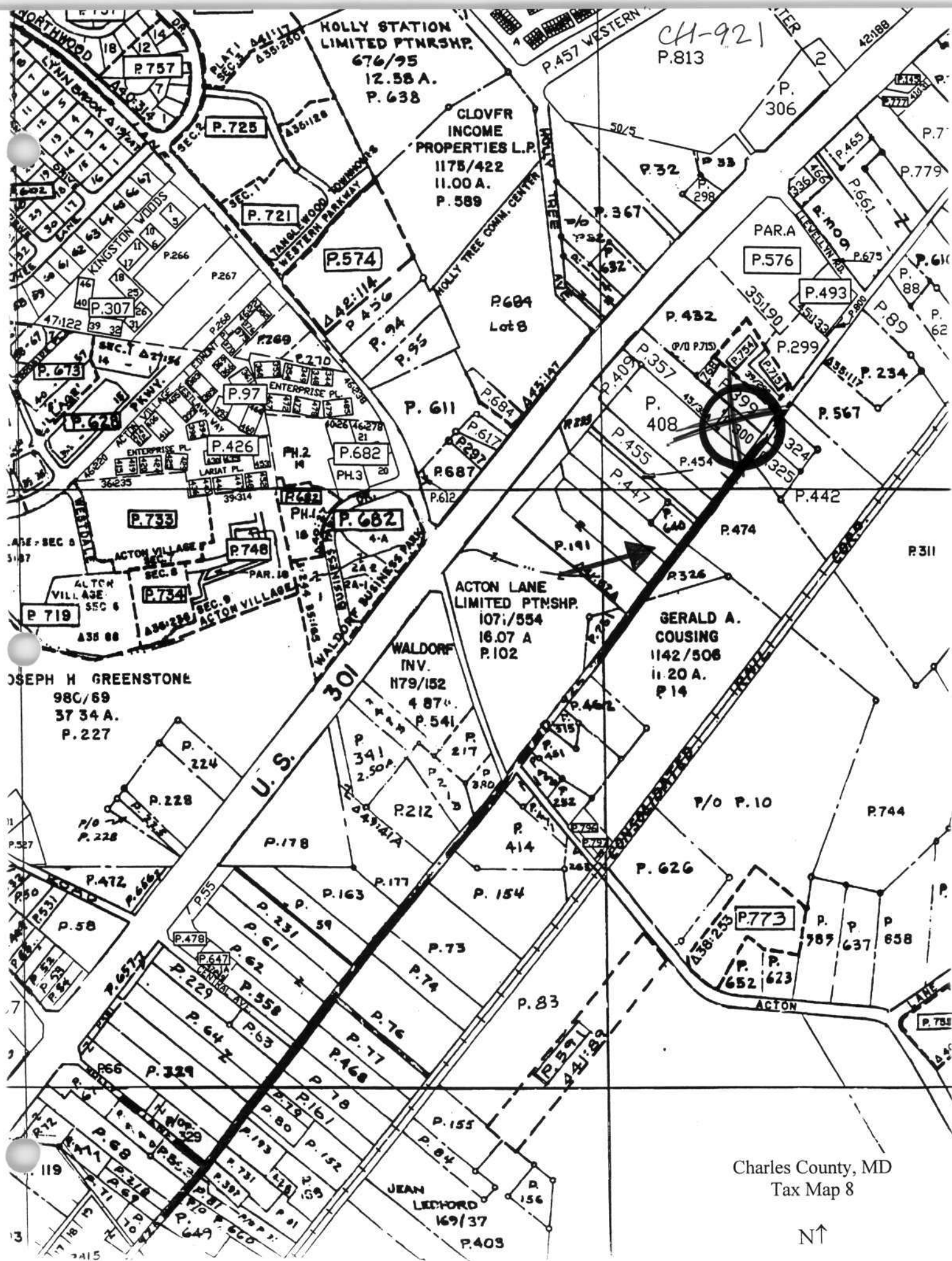
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similar to that of the opening of the B&P Railroad. It also attracted commercial development to the area surrounding the highway.

The development and increase of commercial property within Charles County was enhanced by the increasing dependence on the automobile and the end of World War II. Crain Highway, now known as US 301, was transformed from a local road into a bypass for traffic traveling between Florida and New York with the introduction of the Harry W. Nice Bridge in 1940. Charles County was relatively isolated from large-scale residential and commercial development within the MD 301 corridor until the 1960s. It was at that point that Crain Highway was designated US Route 301.

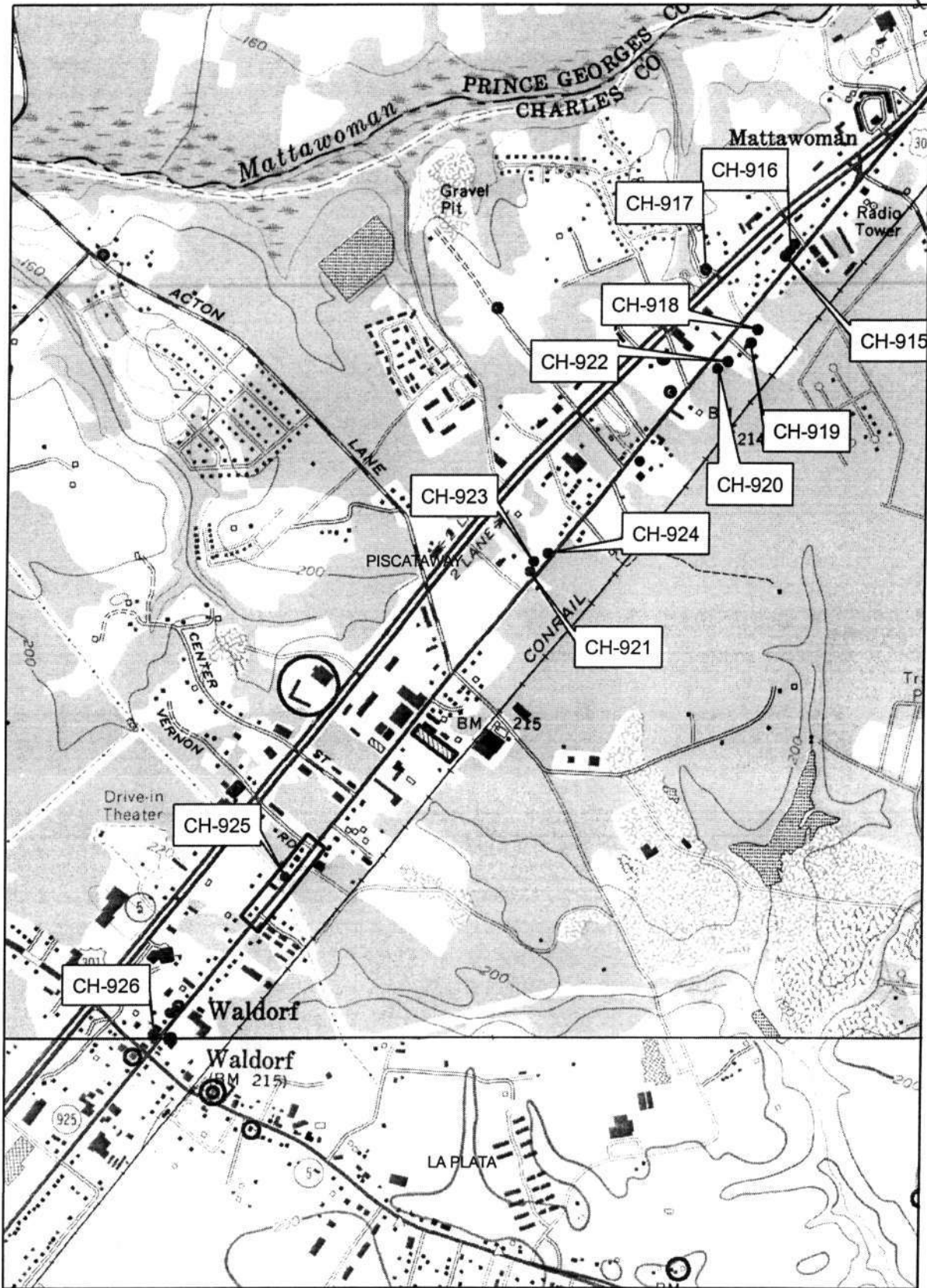
Built circa 1920, this vernacular building is not eligible for the National Register. This resource lacks significance related to events, persons, or architecture. Criterion D, information potential, was not assessed for this study.



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Tax Map 8

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2500 block of Old Washington Rd, west side
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View looking northwest

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